

The Trinity Times

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Monday, December 3, 2018

Important Dates:

December 5: Early Dismissal
2:00pm

December 5: Faculty Meeting
2:30pm

December 6: Board of Education
7:30pm

December 8: Christmas Eve
Service Practice 9-11am

December 9: Advent By
Candlelight- 4pm (Date Change)

December 11: Bel Air Visit

December 15: Christmas Eve
Service Practice 9-11am

December 16: Tour of Homes
2-5pm

December 18: Hot Lunch from
Wheelers

December 21: Hot Lunch by
parents.

December 21: Christmas Carolling
to homes in Hoskins

December 22: Christmas Service
Practice 9-11am

“(Barnabas) was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.” **Acts 11:24**

In the early church, Barnabas was a well-known and respected leader. He was especially known for his ability to encourage others. In Acts 11, Barnabas is described as an overall *good* man. But what does it mean to be a genuinely *good* person?

A good person is one who's trustworthy and strong; one who does the right thing and has character that is above reproach. They show compassion and kindness towards others. What better compliment could a person receive than to be known as a *good* person? Certainly, our world could use more *good people* these days. So how did Barnabas come to be such a kind, generous, and *good* person? He was filled with the Holy Spirit. It wasn't just his natural strength that made Barnabas such a good person, but the filling of the Holy Spirit that slowly transformed his life. You see, when a person comes to faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit begins to transform their hearts and lives to become more like Jesus in spirit, in character, and in life's mission.

So, what are you known for? When people think of your life, do they say, “he's a good man” or “she's a good person”? Through faith in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit – God can make anyone truly *good*.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be like Barnabas each and every day. Showing that we are your children in what we think, say, and do. Amen.

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Wednesday Early Dismissal: Our first Wednesday early dismissal will be **Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00pm**. Our faculty meeting will begin at 2:30pm.

Christmas Eve Service: **December 8** (Snacks- Stacey and Jamie), **15** (Snacks- Tiffany and Miss Smith), and **22nd** (Snacks- Melanie and Sarah). **All practices 9-11am**. There will be about 40 people at our Christmas Service practices. We are asking for a healthy snack,

Reverse Advent Calendar: Reverse Advent Calendar is a twist on the regular Advent calendar with an act of kindness added. We will be collecting items for a local food bank throughout the month of December. We also want to help families prepare their hearts for the celebration of the Savior's Birth. The calendar lists students' names when they can bring a foodbank item to school (not required) as well as Bible readings for you to read as a family to prepare for Christmas. The Bible readings are based on the readings for a Jesse Tree which journeys through the family line of Jesus.

December 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

December 2: Genesis 3

December 3: **Quin** Genesis 6-9

December 4: **Aden** Genesis 12

December 5: **Dekker** Genesis 22

December 6: **Ty** Genesis 28:1-22

December 7: **Clancy** Genesis 37

December 8: Exodus 3

December 9: Exodus 12

December 10: **Justus** Exodus 20

Christmas Tour of Homes:

December 16, 2018

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

\$15 per ticket

Meet at Trinity Lutheran Church to start the tour. Tickets can be purchased from Rochelle Sellin, Sarah Sellin, Jamie Koepke, or can be purchased the day of the tour. We will have some baskets that will be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. If you have any questions please call or text Jamie at 402-841-4830.

Homes on the tour include:

Connie Behmer

Cindy Doffin

Kayla Lange

Rochelle Sellin

Sarah Sellin

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Advent By Candlelight: Due to the weather, **Advent by Candlelight was moved to December 9th** at 4:00pm. This is for any ladies who want to attend, even if you couldn't make it on December 2nd.

Bel- Air Visit: Due to a scheduling conflict we are need of drivers for Bel Air visits. **We especially need a driver for December 11th. The driver only needs to pick up at 3:10pm** at Bel Air. We will be doing an abbreviated version of our Christmas Eve Service that day. Please have your child dress in slightly dressier clothes than a normal school day- or send an extra outfit or shirt for them to change into after recess. We will be working on ornaments for all the residents this week.

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch from Wheelers is on **Tuesday, December 18th.**

Singing in church: Our next singing opportunity will be during the Christmas Eve Service.

Fruit of the Spirit: December's Fruit of the Spirit is **Joy.**

Book Orders: Book Orders are due this week **Wednesday, December 5th** so we can make sure all orders are in before Christmas and to make sure any errors can be corrected before break. If you'd like books to be kept a secret for presents, let Miss Smith know when you order so we don't ruin any surprises.

Christmas Cards for sale: Trinity Lutheran School is selling sets of Christmas cards after church on Sundays as a fundraiser for our school. If you'd like to purchase during the week, see your child's teacher. We would also like a volunteer to collect/exchange money for people purchasing cards while the teachers are in choir practice, not more than 10 or 15 minutes. You would not have to do it every weekend, whenever it works for you.

Christmas Gifts: After a little searching, most Giving Trees have already concluded their collections, or are finishing their collections soon. We decided to start collecting items for our foster children bags that we will be putting together in January or February. **We are asking each student to bring a fleece blanket to school by December 21st.** We will be adding these to the bags we make for children entering the foster care system. Watch for sales in various stores. If you have questions, please see Miss Smith.

Box Tops for Education: Please remember to clip and save Box Tops again this year. There is a box at the information center in the church hallway to put these in, or just drop them off with a teacher and they will get them to the appropriate place.

Monthly Calendar: The calendar is able to be viewed on our website at www.trinityinhoskins.com under the school heading. You can also put this link into the URL bar in order to access the calendar: <http://bit.ly/2bFggBX> Our hope is that this will make it easier for parents to access event information and dates as well as sending reminders about upcoming events. Please let Miss Smith know if you have any questions.

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<p>Pastor Rixe: 402-750-3765 rrix@trinityinhoskins.com</p> <p>Douglas Peavy: 414-324-3953 dpeavy@trinityinhoskins.com</p> <p>Joanna Smith: 507-272-3841 jsmith@trinityinhoskins.com</p>	<p>Hymn:Behold, a Branch Is Growing</p> <p>Behold, a Branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace, As prophets sang, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race And bears one little flow'r In midst of coldest winter, At deepest midnight hour.</p>
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Classroom Information

Lower Room News

Happy Advent! To help prepare for the coming of our Savior we will have daily readings based on the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree walks through the line of the Savior (Jesse was King David's father). The readings we will be using are also on your Reverse Advent calendars to help for families to use at home.

Book orders due December 5th. Please let me know if you'd like to give the books as presents.

Please double check that your child has all their winter gear for playing outside at recess. I've also noticed a few students struggle to zip their own coats/jackets, especially the ones with double zippers (the ones where you can open at the bottom as well). If you have time to help your child get a little more comfortable with their zipper it would save some time when we're getting ready for recess.

We've been reading "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo as our read aloud book.

Our schedule will try to stay as normal as possible the next 3 weeks. There will be spelling and memory treasures all three weeks. Kindergarten will start their new SuperKid, Ettabetta, this week. She likes puzzles and games. Second grade will finish their 6th Unit in reading. They've been reading "The Bears on Hemlock Mountain." At first they were a little skeptical but now they want to know if Jonathan will really encounter bears on the mountain. We will also be working on our ornaments for the residents of Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home.

Upper Room News

Winter certainly has come in a hurry! Please make sure that your child has all the gear they need to be outside for recess now that snow is finally on the ground.

I will be sending out this month's memory treasures soon. The first two dates in December are listed on November's sheet. Some of the memory treasures will be repeats from November--I want to make sure that our class is completely set when it comes to the Christmas service.

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We already started a new read aloud book: "The BFG". I had forgotten how fun it is to read this particular book, with the many talking "mistakes" made by the title character.

Spelling is Unit 14. We will continue our method of testing by having a pretest on Tuesday followed by further testing later in the week if needed.